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Mr. Michael Carter
Director, Office of Environmental Activities
Maritime Administration
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Memo to the President and the draft Letter from the President and Letter from the Secretary regarding Section 3502 of Public Law 106-398. The Federal Facilities Enforcement Office, which has responsibility for working on federal facility compliance issues within EPA, has reviewed these documents. We believe that the documents accurately reflect the current situation with respect to the scrapping of obsolete vessels.

Exemption 5 - Deliberative Process Privilege

If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact me or Elliott Gilberg of my staff at 202-564-2510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig E. Hooks".

Craig E. Hooks
Director

Federal Facilities Enforcement Office